



# Northern News

September 11th, 2023

## Dear Northern Dancer Families:

What a great start we've had to the 2023-24 school year! We will be regularly sending ND Updates to the community with information about school. We hope this helps keep everyone informed of happenings at Northern Dancer PS! General Information about our school can always be found on our website: [northerndancer.ddsbc.ca](http://northerndancer.ddsbc.ca).

We encourage all students to walk to school. It lessens traffic congestion and is great exercise. Should you need to drive your child to school, please be patient in our Drive and Drop lane and follow the rules, or park on a side street and walk onto property.



## Drive and Drop Safety Tips

When you are using the Drive and Drop, be sure to enter the west parking lot only. Enter only in the Drive and Drop lane, marked with pylons. **ALWAYS PULL FORWARD TO THE SPACE AT THE FRONT. DO NOT STOP BEFORE THIS.** Supervision begins at 7:45 am.

1. Please **pull forward and all the way up to the end of the Drive and Drop lane** so several cars can stop behind you at the same time.
2. When stopped as forward in the lane as you can, **please instruct your child to exit the car from the passenger side doors** (front and back) to avoid exiting the car into oncoming traffic.
3. Please make sure that your child's backpack is in the backseat and within reach for easy exit.
4. **DO NOT PASS OTHER CARS OR PULL AROUND THE PYLONS.**
5. Drivers should not get out of the car. The staff will help students exit and walk to the play yards, including our Kindergarten pupils.
6. Do Not park in the school parking lot, there are only enough spots for staff. Do not park cars and block driving lanes.
7. When exiting the school **RIGHT HAND TURNS ONLY. Do not turn left.** Please follow the round about to go the other way. Left hand turns out of our parking lot cause slowdowns, congestion and create dangerous situations for students and families coming to school.
8. **Do not park your car in the parking lot or Drive and Drop lane** at entry or dismissal. It causes traffic congestion and pile ups of cars

The above rules apply to pick up at the end of the day as well. If you are near the front of the line and waiting for some time for your child, staff may ask you to loop around to allow other cars up to the front. If everyone is patient and follows these rules, we can keep our community safe! Please listen to and follow the directions of staff on duty. Thank you.

## Returning Student Verification Forms

The Returning Student Registration Forms are now available to families via the [Parent Portal](#). All families must complete the Returning Student Registration Form for each child in their household to ensure families can access timetables and/or homeroom teacher information. This information is ONLY available once the form is complete. If you need help accessing the Parent Portal, please [refer to our FAQs](#) before contacting the office for support.

## Portable Etiquette

At Northern Dancer, we have many portable classrooms. Just like in the school, parents may not enter portables without a meeting scheduled with the teacher. All parents should sign in at the office first before meeting with any staff, at any time of day. Please be respectful of staff and students who work and attend school in our portables, and follow the same etiquette as in the main building. Thank you for your support.

## Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) Policy - Student Cell Phone Use

Please take a moment to review our PED Policy at Northern Dancer PS:

[Personal Electronic Device.pdf](#)



**Meet The Teacher Night**  
**Thursday, September 21st, 2023**  
**4:30 - 6:00 pm**  
**Book Fair in the Gym**